practicable and pending the completion of this road, the motor traffic through the town should be carried on *via* Thattarampalam and along the eastern side of the Police station.

A branch of the State-aided Bank should be established at Kayancolam.

The Stationary Magistrate, Kayancolam, should be authorised to register weights and measures under the Registration of Weights and Measures Regulation.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. K. Krishna Pillai, there was a similar representation last year on the subject of a salt bankshall at Kayancolam. A report was called for on the subject from the Excise Commissioner. Kayancolam lies midway between Quilon and Alleppey where there are salt depots and from where the transport of salt is cheap. There are a number of wholesale and retail merchants engaged in the salt trade at Kayancolam. The supply is regular and the prices are normal. In these circumstances, a salt bankshall cannot be opened.

In regard to the new road for diverting the motor traffic through Kayancolam an estimate is under preparation. The Police Commissioner will be asked to inspect and report on the subject of motor traffic. The opening of a branch of the State-aided Bank is a matter for the Directors of the Bank and you must apply to them.

The Dewan Peishkar will be asked to go to Kayankulam every month and register weights and measures.

116. Needs of the Neyyattinkara Municipality.

Mr. A. PARAMESWARAN NAIR (*Member, Municipal Council, Neyyattinkara*) dealt with the following needs of the Neyyattinkara municipality :—

A road should be opened from the main road to the Cutcherry road between the vernacular school and the English school.

Two bathing ghats should be constructed on the Neyyattinkara river. The Municipality was too poor to undertake the work.

Parapet walls should be constructed on the road passing through Kottapana, Maruthur and Thattankari.

The District Hospital at Neyyattinkara should be raised to the first grade, by providing there a maternity ward, a children's ward etc., and by strengthening the staff.

The premises of the Neyyattinkara High School should be extended and provision should be made for a play-ground for the boys.

The Vernacular Middle School at Neyyattinkara should be raised to the High School grade.

An English Schoolfor girls should be established at Neyyattinkara.

Poramboke lands within municipal limits together with the trees thereon should be transferred to the control of the municipality.

The limits of the municipality should be revised and the cattle market at Aralummudu and the Udiyankulangara market should be

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brought within its jurisdiction. If this was not feasible, the grant given by Government to the municipality should be enhanced so as to improve the financial condition of the municipality.

The control of motor traffic within municipal limits should be vested in the municipality. A single police constable posted at a checking station was not able to exercise any control over the traffic.

A First Class Magistrate's court should be established at least tentatively at Neyyattinkara.

A permanent Police Inspector and a permanent Stationary Magistrate should be posted at Neyyattinkara.

The toddy shops and the arrack shops in the municipality should be removed to outside the municipal limits.

All executive and judicial officers, except those of the Agricultural and Co-operative Departments, should be transferred once in three years.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Parameswaran Nair, I will have the Chief Engineer go and see whether it is possible to have a pathway to the English school. The improvement of the tank in such manner as to provide bathing facilities has already been undertaken. I do not know what you mean by the raising of the District Hospital at Neyyattinkara into a First Grade Hospital. We have got only one grade of hospitals, *i. e.*, first grade.

MEMBER: Children's ward etc.

DEWAN: That is another matter. The question of having a woman doctor and the constitution of a children's ward will be taken up by the Administrative Board and I will have your suggestion placed before the Board.

Then you come to the extension of the compound of the local English High School and I will ask the Director of Public Instruction to see whether that is possible and if any land could be acquired near by at moderate cost. The Director of Public Instruction is of the opinion that it is inadvisable to open any more Vernacular High Schools. I will discuss the matter with him and discover what his main reasons are.

About the English School for Girls I too noticed a large number of girls in the classes of the boys' school. In fact in one or two divisions of the Third Form the majority of students are girls. I do not know which is your nearest school for girls. I will discuss the matter with the Director of Public Instruction to see what can be done.

Then you come to the Municipality. You have been confining your request to certain poramboke lands within the Municipality. I will enquire of the Land Revenue Department and find out whether these lands are really wanted by Government and if they are really not wanted whether there is any objection to their being handed over to the Municipality. The question of revision of the municipal limits was referred to the Municipality by Government and they took a

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considerable time to make their report. Since then the report has been sent to the Dewan Peishkar. As soon as it is received we will have the question taken up.

There are great difficulties in the way of investing the municipality with powers to deal or interfere with the control of traffic by the Police, thus breaking continuity. It means dual responsibility and as you know when two bodies have equal rights each leaves the attendant duties to the other and nothing gets done. So it is best that one body controls the traffic. I shall ask the Commissioner of Police about the complaints you make and see whether he cannot post more policemen there to improve traffic conditions in Neyyattinkara.

As for removing toddy and arrack shops in the municipality, I think it would be better to wait and see how the experiment of local option fares at Changanachery. It should not be long before we can come to a decision.

I do not know whether you make the last representation as municipal council member of Neyyattinkara. As regards the transfer of judicial and executive officers there is a phrase which epitomises the many difficulties the Government labour under in the posting and transfer of officers—"the exigencies of the public service." You cannot have a hard and fast rule in the matter and I can assure you that transfers and postings are always very carefully considered.

There are about five pages of notes about the establishment of a First Class Magistrate's Court at Neyyattinkara. That shows that it is engaging the attention of all concerned and that it has not been lost sight of.

117. Needs of the Trivandrum town.

MR V. SANKARA MENON (*Member, Municipal Council, Trivandrum*) dealt with the following needs of the Trivandrum town:

The proposed Sanskrit College road should be extended to the road on the eastern side of the Parthivapuram Puthanar. The extension was sure to be a very useful one.

A new road should be opened from the Ayiranimuttom road *via* Singarathope lane so as to connect it with the main road at Ayiranimuttom hospital.

A English Middle School should be opened at Manakad. Manakad was far away from the schools in the town. Children found it very difficult to walk all the way from there to the Vanchiyoor school or to the Girl's School.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sankara Menon, the Chief Engineer is of the same opinion as yourself in regard to the extension of the road from the Sanskrit College road to the road on the eastern side of the Parthivapuram canal. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that it will be a useful one as you just said. He is having an estimate prepared; and I am waiting to see it and find out what it will cost and whether people are going to help in the matter of lands or whether lands will have to be acquired.

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